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CHEMICAL INDUSTRY TO EXPAND

BAUXITE PROCESSING TO INCREASE -- Magyar Nemzet, No 136, 8 Jul 49

Hungary has at its disposal 300 - 400 million tons of bauxite, its most important metal. Bauxite processing will increase from 9,000 tons per year to 220,000 during the Five-Year Plan.

Sulfur requirements will be satisfied from domestic springs. The Budapest Gasworks makes possible the production of 4,000 tons of sulfuric acid per year.

During the Five-Year Plan, 25,000 tons of anhydrous soda will be produced from the Bukkszek water and will fulfill the greater part of Hungary's needs. Iodine and bromine will be manufactured from spring water, and the demand for magnesium salt will also be satisfied.

At present, 3,000 tons of barite are imported per year. With the separation of the barite from iron ore, at the Rudabanya mine, this requirement can be met domestically, thereby saving 100,000 dollars annually in foreign exchange.

The mining of 100,000 tons of calc at Felsocsator will result in a 300,000-dollar savings, since its importation will be eliminated.

Increased utilization of domestic dyes must be encouraged. Keszthelykornysok, Mad, and Egervidek are capable of supplying the chemical industry with enough raw materials for dye production.

Monthly production of carbonic acid, free of methane, at the Mihalyi factory is 150,000 kilograms.

SURGICAL-DRESSING PLANT EXPANDS -- Vilag, No 1222, 1 Jul 49

Since the liberation, the Rico Surgical-Dressing Plant has doubled the number of its employees. The value of production increased by more than 200 percent since the beginning of the three-year plan. Machinery for making

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surgical dressings is being transferred to the Rico plant from the nationalized textile mills and will result in a production increase of 30 to 40 percent during the last 6 months of the 3-year plan.

The Rico plant is the largest surgical-dressing factory in Hungary.

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